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SUNDAY	10:15	7:25	SUNDAY	6:26	6:22
Monday	11:02	8:11	Monday	7:09	7:05
Tuesday	12:01	8:44	Tuesday	7:45	7:42
Wednesday	1:04	9:23	Wednesday	8:20	8:19
Thursday	2:11	10:06	Thursday	8:58	8:57
Friday	3:20	10:54	Friday	9:34	9:33
Saturday	4:30	11:45	Saturday	10:05	10:07
SUNDAY	5:41	12:39	SUNDAY	10:30	10:35
Monday	6:52	1:35	Monday	11:00	11:07
Tuesday	8:03	2:34	Tuesday	11:55	11:55
Wednesday	9:14	3:35	Wednesday	12:54	12:46
Thursday	10:25	4:38	Thursday	1:53	1:46
Friday	11:36	5:42	Friday	2:52	2:44
Saturday	12:47	6:47	Saturday	3:51	3:44

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What Portage Road Means

Views of Railroad Man On Interesting Transportation Problem Affecting Astoria.

The Dalles portage railway project, about which so much is printed in the various Oregon papers at present, is not well understood in its probable effects by all. A gentleman who is well up in northwest transportation affairs, and especially those relating to the interests of Astoria, has this to say of the plan:

"The efforts of the corporate interests of Oregon to defeat the portage railway appropriation made at the last session of the legislature, through the medium of the referendum, are watched with much interest in this city. W. C. Cowgill, formerly of Astoria, is the principal agitator in the scheme to defeat the legislative act. The furor that his campaign has caused has had the effect of placing him before the public in anything but an enviable light, and it develops that Mr. Cowgill does not cut much ice in Baker City, where he now resides, as a result.

"The portage road appropriation is the most important legislative fund that has ever been set aside. It will create opposition for the present grain-carrying lines down the Columbia river, affording water competition with them. The present rates are so high that the portage road will effect by force a very material reduction and it is this fact which has aroused the railroads to action. If the road is built the producers of a vast territory will be released from their present bondage.

"Construction of this road promises as so to have a decided effect on Astoria harbor. If the road is built, rates will come down with a gratifying thud. Now, lower railroad rates on grain mean that the sound roads will be unable to compete with the Columbia river-road—the O. R. & N. branch of the Harriman system. Ergo, the sound roads must find an outlet at the Columbia river's mouth. In anticipation of the construction of the portage road, the Northern Pacific, with characteristic enterprise, has prepared for the extension of its line down the north bank of the Columbia, to the river's mouth, where ample harbor facilities are available. When the Northern comes to the Columbia's mouth, the Harriman line must do likewise. To use good, plain English, whenever the Northern comes down the north fork of the Columbia—or the south bank, either, for that matter—the Harriman system will of necessity come to Astoria.

"It will be seen that the portage road will have a far-reaching effect on transportation conditions in the northwest. At present the three northwestern railroads are enjoying the blessings of high rates, but the combination could not be maintained with water competition from the dalles of the Columbia river to the sea. This competition would be compelled to meet the reduction. This reduction would make it impossible for the sound roads to haul grain at anything but a dead loss over their heavy grades into Seattle and Tacoma, and they would be compelled to seek a Columbia outlet.

"Any Astorian who would attach his signature to Cowgill's petition would be a traitor of the first water. The portage road appropriation was made for the benefit of the producers, who have long submitted to extortion, and its defeat would be a public calamity.

"It is interesting in this connection to note that the toll exacted for carrying grain to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma from the wheat fields exceeds the charge on grain from Chicago to Liverpool. For this reason the three northwestern roads, while owned by hostile interest, are content with the present divisional arrangement."

IT IS BASEBALL TODAY.

At 2:30 p. m. today the Astoria baseball team and the Cathlamet Suns will cross bats on the local field. The Astoria team is composed of the best players in the city and the boys expect to win from the visitors by a close margin. The Suns are equally sanguine of victory, so a stirring contest is in store for those who attend. The last game played by the two teams resulted in a score of 17 to 7 in favor of the Cathlamet men, so they can hardly be blamed for being confident that they will win today. However, there will be a surprise in store for them in the makeup they will be up against this afternoon, for the locals have been reorganized and the field is one which may be more equally contested on. Harry McDermott will twirl for the Cathlamet team and W. F.

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Dick Halderman will do the pretty behind the bat. McDermott is recognized as a most excellent player, while Dick, who went to school with W. J. Bryan in Lincoln, Neb., never feels comfortable unless he is facing the man in the box. The Vanguard will arrive here at 10 o'clock with the boys from up the river and excursionists residing in the small towns along the route. The small charge of 25 cents will be collected from those who attend the game and the Prael & Cook Transfer company will run carriages to and from the grounds, leaving at the corner of Eleventh and Commercial streets. The Astoria team will line up as follows: C. Halderman—Morton, catcher; C. Halderman—Morton, pitcher; Dean, first base; Stockton, second base; Graham, third base; Fletcher, shortstop; Nace Grant, leftfield; Painter, centerfield; Barker, rightfield. Sub—Cohen, catcher; Erickson, field.

Society.

Miss Grace State returned from California on Friday.

Mrs. William Chopin left for her home in Portland on Friday.

Miss Florence Turner is in the city today from her Walluski home.

Miss Maude Humphreys was in the city for a few days this week, the guest of Miss Elmore.

Miss Hannah Adair leaves this evening for the east, where she goes for a year's study in music.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elmore and the Misses Elmore leave for California on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hazen of Warren, Ore., are in the city visiting their son, Captain M. S. Hazen.

Paul Trullinger and Ross Trullinger have returned from California, where they have been attending college during the winter.

Mrs. William Ross and daughter, Miss Beasie, returned last night from Palo Alto, Cal., where Miss Ross is attending Stanford university.

The Thursday afternoon club met with Mrs. Horace Thing this week. Dominoes were played, resulting in Miss Laura Fox winning the prize.

Benjamin Young and Miss Caroline Young leave for New York on Thursday morning. Later in the month they will sail for Europe with a party of eastern friends.

Miss Foretta Elmore goes to California on Tuesday to be the maid of honor for her cousin, Miss Olive Holbrook, who is to marry Mr. Silas H. Palmer on Wednesday, June 3.

Among the social events of the week were the tea given by Miss Flavel for Miss Adair, the Knappton dancing party and a small tea for Mrs. Chopin by Miss Foretta Elmore.

The wedding cards have been received of Miss Margaret Cardin and Mr. Maurice C. Cheal. The marriage is to take place on Wednesday, June 3, at 8 o'clock, in St. Mark's church, Seattle.

Knappton was the scene of much enjoyment on Friday evening, when, despite the inclemency of the weather, a good sized party of Astoria's younger set, chaperoned by Mrs. W. O. Wilkenson, braved the elements and at 8 o'clock boarded the Electro to take a somewhat rainy, but enjoyable trip across the river. Upon reaching Knappton dancing was indulged in until midnight when the party returned to the city.

WILL SEE ROOSEVELT.

Agreed many Astorians are making preparations to be in Portland on the occasion of the visit of President Roosevelt. A large percentage of the people of the country are never afforded an opportunity of seeing a real president, and the public is making the most of this opportunity. The patriotic desire to be in the presence of the ruler of the republic prevades the atmosphere here, and Astoria will be well represented at Portland when the presidential party arrives. Astorians sincerely regret the failure of the Oregon congressional delegation to have their city included in the itinerary of the president, but they will make the best of matters and go to Portland to join in Oregon's big welcome.

MANZANITA WILL BE THERE.

The lighthouse tender Manzanita will leave up for Portland tomorrow morning. She goes there to take on government supplies for the aids to navigation in this vicinity. The Manzanita's visit is particularly timely, on account of the approaching visit of the president, and her complement hopes that the work of taking on the supplies will require the tender's presence at the inland port until after the festivities in Mr. Roosevelt's honor.

J. R. Rannels has purchased the residence property of John L. Carlson on Fourth and Duane streets and will occupy it within a few weeks. The purchase price was \$2200.

The Salmon Situation

Result of Hatcheries' Operations Will Be Shown In This Year's Work.

The benefits of artificial propagation will be determined during the present fishing season in a more satisfactory manner than ever before. Results in past years have been gratifying, but this year's supply of fish ought, in the natural order of things, be far in excess of that of 1902. In view of the lesson that will be taught by this year's supply, the outcome of the season's work is awaited with interest.

The first big hatchery run occurred in July, 1901. Then, it will be remembered, salmon swarmed the river. Gillnetters returned to the canneries with tonsloads of fine fish, while the seines and traps took countless tons. That the fish were propagated at the state hatcheries was positively demonstrated by the number of marked fish taken. Last year's supply was also very good, although there was not the congestion that occurred in 1901.

The hatcheries have turned out more small fish with each succeeding season, and the supply this year ought to be greater than that of last year. That the runs will materialize is firmly believed by those who have followed the progress made in artificial propagation. The hatchery fish are not expected to make their appearance in the river for some time to come, but when they appear fishermen will reap a harvest.

The supply of salmon is now very short. The season opened up well enough, but after the first two weeks there came a slump that has lasted ever since. Receipts at all the packing houses are very light, and "no fish" is the common reply to inquiries regarding the extent of the supply. The fish which are being caught, however, are of fine quality, and all the large ones are picked for shipment abroad. Some of the cold-storages are picking undersized fish to supply the less fastidious markets. None of the canneries are operated except for a short time daily, the employes being engaged almost wholly in the manufacture of cans, preparatory to the anticipated rush later on.

The gillnetters are taking practically all of the fish now being caught, receipts from other sources being inconsequential. The prevailing price for salmon weighing 25 pounds and over is 6 cents, while for smaller fish 5 cents is paid.

The increased facilities for handling fish this season would tend to make the supply appear smaller than usual, and final figures will be necessary to give the general public a line on the actual extent of the run of salmon. Should heavy runs occur during the season, the pack of canneries and cold-storages will be much heavier than during 1902, as greater quantities of fish can be handled.

Fishermen and packers alike are hopeful for the success of the season's work, despite the unsatisfactory supply at the present time.

CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED.

Abraham Branlund, against whom two charges have been pending in the court of the justice of the peace, was finally discharged from custody yesterday by Justice Goodman, both charges being dismissed. The first charge, that of obtaining goods under false pretenses, could not be sustained, as it developed that he had purchased the goods from Mr. Sculley on credit, and while his subsequent action in the evidence brought up, halfFunETAET matter could hardly be considered as strictly square dealing, there was no evidence brought forward to prove that anything illegal had been done. The charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses likewise fell flat. Branlund had not attempted to pass a check either for cash or goods. F. D. Winton represented the defense.

CITY TEACHERS.

The City Teachers' association met in regular session yesterday afternoon in the Shively school building. Professor McCormac led in the discussion of the "Conquest," Mrs. Emery Dye a famous book. The subject was handled in a manner to give every teacher an opportunity to express original views on separate features. Professor McCormac had assigned many different characters and epochs covered by the work, and as time was given to study up the "part," the session was decidedly an interesting one.



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